HON'BLE SHRI G.S.SINGHVI, THE CHIEF JUSTICE

W.P.NO.14695 OF 1996

-

Between:
Pujar Gurujachar and 3 others.

..... Petitioners

AND

The State of Andhra Pradesh represented by its
Secretary to Government, Revenue (Endowments)
Department, Secretariat Buildings, Hyderabad
and three others.

.....Respondents

::JUDGMENT::

Counsel for the Petitioners : Sri N.Jayasurya

Counsel for Respondents 1to 3 : Government Pleader for Endowments

Counsel for Respondent No.4 : Sri PVR Sarma.

Dated 07/6/2006

In this petition, the petitioners have prayed for protection of their customary rights as Heriditary Archakas of Sri Raghavendraswamy Moola Brindavanam of Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt, Manthralayam and to nullify the action taken by the respondents to disturb their rights without making any arrangements in terms of the directions given by the Supreme Court in **A.S.Narayana Deekshithulu Vs. State of Andhra Pradesh**[1].

The foundation for the aforementioned prayer of the petitioners lies in notice dated 7.5.1996 issued by the Manager of Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt, Mantralayam, Yemmiganur Taluk, Kurnool District whereby he declared that the hereditary rights of the petitioners stands abolished and their services to Moola Brindavanam of Sri Raghavendraswamy will be that of regular employees (archakas) in terms of the Act and the Rules.

At the hearing, learned Government Pleader for Endowments stated that in compliance of the directions given by the Supreme Court in **A.S.Narayana Deekshithulu**'s case (1 supra) the State Government has already created a corpus of about 100 crores and framed a scheme in terms of Para 134 of the judgment for regulating the conditions of service of Archakas whose hereditary rights were abolished.

Learned counsel for the petitioners agrees that the State Government has created corpus of about 100 crores and that a scheme has been framed for regulating the conditions of service of Archakas.

In view of the above, the writ petition is disposed of as infructuous with liberty to the petitioners to agitate their grievances, if any, before an appropriate forum in the matter of non- implementation of the provisions of the scheme framed by the State Government pursuant to the directions given by the Supreme Court.

G.S.SINGHVI, CJ

Dated 7.6.2006

Msv/svs

---

[1] (1996) 9 SCC 548